

Approved

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Hooksett Town Hall
35 Main Street
Thursday, January 4, 2023
6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Soucy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

**B. Soucy, R. Ross, M. Kowack, D. Greenberg, G. Martins, A. Shaine, W. Lynch, E. Baker,
C. Gurung and E. Bencivenga**

Absent: J. Pinard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2023

***R. Ross motioned to approve the minutes of December 21, 2024. Seconded by W. Lynch.
Vote unanimously in favor. Abstained A. Shaine***

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Budget Review

C. Tewksbury: The Municipal Budget submitted was \$21,717,184 not including Wastewater. With adjustments made by the Budget Committee and including Wastewater the budget is \$24,475,753 which is 3.3% over default and 3.4% over the current budget.

The Budget took no further action on the budget and will move the Municipal Budget to Public Hearing as amended.

School District Budget

B. Soucy reviewed questions from the previous meeting which were responded to by email. ***The tuition rate and rates for Special Ed programs were received from Pinkerton. The attached budget has been adjusted for Pinkerton and Regular Ed Tuition to Public Academies. We initially budgeted for a 7% increase in base tuition, the actual rate came in as a 5.84% increase. The result was a \$94,458.24 savings in regular ed tuition, and \$9,606 savings in special ed.***

- Tutoring to date \$18,000
- New Co-curricular added at Memorial,
Chess club, boys on the move, K-kids through Kiwanis.
Existing is girls on the run and robotics

Increase of \$22,000 for co-curricular in Cawley

Increase in mentors and stipend for team leaders and eighth grade chaperons

Increase of 20% in NEWA with NEWA being eliminated

There are other assessments in the line.

\$40,198,978.63 originally submitted

\$39,977,883 adjusted budget

41,404,263 with gross appropriations

11.22. 23 updated budget of \$40,094,914 tuition rate change 94,458. Reg 9606 Sped Ed

Reduced by teacher 39,977,883 with removal of teacher at \$117,031

B. Soucy motioned to adjust \$94,458 and reduce special by 9606 for special ed tuition rate.

Seconded by W. Lynch

Roll Call

W. Lynch Yes

W. Ross Yes

E. Bencivenga Yes

D. Greenberg Yes

C. Gurung Yes

W. Lynch Yes

E. Baker No

G. Martins No

A. Shaine No

B. Soucy Yes

Vote 7:3 motion carries

G. Martins motioned to add \$53,741 plus benefits to add a third grade teacher. Seconded by

E. Baker.

Roll Call Vote

E. Bencivenga No

M. Kowack No

A. Shaine Yes

W. Lynch No

C. Gurung Yes

G. Martins Yes

R. Ross No

D. Greenberg Yes

E. Baker Yes

B. Soucy No

Vote 5:5 motion fails

Field trips – Co curricular Cawley

B. Soucy motioned to reduce \$38,225 from line 31-2190-2-05-00-5330 Curricular activities. Seconded by M. Kowack.

The Board recently motioned to fund a field trip in full to camp mi-te-na or DC. This was provided to help families with the cost.

B. Soucy stated that this was always funded by fundraising or by parents.

M. Kowack agreed. We are putting too much burden on the taxpayer.

Mi-te-na is about \$250 for 3 days and 2 nights

Roll call

C. Gurung ***No***

W. Lynch ***Yes***

A. Shaine ***No***

R. Ross ***No***

M. Kowack ***Yes***

G. Martins ***No***

E. Bencivenga ***Yes***

D. Greenberg ***No***

E. Baker ***No***

B. Soucy ***Yes***

Vote 4:6 motion fails

Bond vs lease. Provided the latest numbers. Based on this new information the Board will review the lease vs bond decision.

The board discussed the bond option.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

D. Greenberg motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Gurung. Vote unanimously in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

